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LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

League of Women Voters of Maine

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The State Board urges your consideration of S.P.200. L.D. No. 539:
"An ACT to Authorize General Fund Bond Issue in Amount of Ten
Million Dollars to Provide Major Repairs, Construction and
Equipment."

Mrs. Orr asks: "If you have reached any areas of agreement on the advisability of using bond issues for capital improvements, (such as the SSB) please advise the State Board before March 24th. You may send in your report with any board member. We expect the report from the Bureau of Public Improvements in a week or two. The LWV will be in a stronger position if we can speak in specific terms on financing. If March 24 is too soon for your schedule, try to work it in as soon as possible and advise the Board."

A statement was filed with the Appropriations Committee on the day this bill was scheduled for hearing asking a postponement of any decision until the report from the BPI on the question of a new site location for the SSB has been made.

S.P. 322, L.D. 898, Presented by Sen. Rogerson of Aroostook.

"An ACT to Provide Expanded Community Mental Health Services."
The purpose of this act is to expand community mental health services; to encourage participation in such a program by persons in local communities; to obtain better understanding of the need of such services and to secure aid for the program by state aid and local financial support.

A LWV statement will be given in support of this bill at the hearing on March 17th.

Other bills relating to subjects of interest to LWV members:

H.P.724, LD No. 1029, Presented by Mr. Saunders of Bethel.

"An ACT Providing for Northeastern Water and Related Land Resources Compact."

This bill provides for the creation of the Northeastern Resources Commission "...to coordinate policies, programs, and activities of the several states...in the field of water and related land resources, and to study, investigate and plan the development and use of the same and conservation of such water and land resources..."

H.P. 504, L.D. 717: "An ACT Classifying Certain Surface Waters in Me."

S.P. 328, L.D. 904: "An ACT relating to Juvenile Offenders."

This bill relates to the codification of juvenile laws.

Watch for: (1) A bill relating to annual sessions of the Legislature, to be presented by Rep. Jalbert.
(2) A bill to abolish the Executive Council, to be presented by Rep. Plante.